GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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DETECTING REMNANTS OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL IN GEORGIA
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to join hands with nuclear experts from the United States and France to detect remnants of radioactive material in Georgia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIST OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In recent years, orphaned radioactive sources have been found in Georgia following which International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is in the process of preparing a comprehensive plan to locate such sources suspected to be present in Georgia. India, along with Georgia, France, Japan, Russia, Turkey, the United Kingdom and U.S.A., is cooperating with IAEA in this excercise.